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Editor's Note

After a hiatus of some months, The Tribal Nations Exchange returns with an abbreviated issue. There is only one news item to report at this time. A Headquarters Tribal Liaison has joined the Planning and Policy Division team in the Directorate of Civil Works. Dr. Georgeanne Reynolds begins her tenure today, 14 April 2003, as the Tribal Liaison.

Many of you know of Georgeie Reynolds from her many years of service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. Her most recent Corps assignment has been working for the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Engineers in the Congressional Liaison Office.

Over the last few years, certainly with the passage of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, the Tribal Partnership Program, my time has been increasingly devoted to tribal work and away from my core competencies in cultural resource management and historic preservation. I have come to appreciate the complexity of our trust responsibilities and the importance of our tribal liaisons in the Corps Commands. To our tribal liaisons, you do great work every day and I admire your contributions to making the Corps a caring and learning organization. In Georgeie Reynolds, you have a Tribal Liaison in Headquarters that will represent your interests and promote positive relations between the Corps and tribal communities.

I will return to my full-time duties as the Corps Federal Preservation Officer. Included in this will be my management of the Corps national program to comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and my proponentcy of the Mandatory Center of Expertise for Curation and Management of Archeological Collections in the St. Louis District. Georgeie Reynolds and I will work as a team when tribal cultural resources issues require Headquarters consideration.

So many people have provided help, support and advice as I have tried to navigate through tribal issues and to you I send my sincerest appreciation.

Essayons.

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